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REMARKS

This response is intended as a full and complete response to the final Office Action mailed October 19, 2006. In the Office Action, the Examiner notes that claims 1-5, 7, 9-26, 28, 30-47, 49 and 51-63 are pending and rejected. By this response, Applicant has amended independent claims 1, 22 and 43.

In view of the foregoing amendments and the following discussion, Applicant submits that none of the claims now pending in the application are obvious under the provisions of 35 U.S.C. §103. Thus, Applicant believes that all of these claims are now in allowable form.

Applicant, by amending the claims, does not acquiesce to the Examiner's characterizations of the art of record or to Applicant's subject matter recited in the pending claims. Further, Applicant is not acquiescing to the Examiner's statements as to the applicability of the art of record to the pending claims by filing the instant response including amendments.

Amendments to the Claims

By this response, claims 1, 22 and 43 have been amended. The amendments to the claims are fully supported by the application as originally filed. For example, the Applicant's specification provides two embodiments 1) where the video program is paused immediately in response to detection of an occurrence of a communications event or 2) the video program may be paused upon detection of an occurrence of a communications event and a triggering event (i.e. answering the call). (See Applicant's specification, p. 75, ll. 3-8; p. 77, ll. 3-21.) Thus, no new matter has been added and the Examiner is respectfully requested to enter the amendments.

35 U.S.C. §103 Rejection of Claims 1-5, 7, 9, 12-14, 16, 19-26, 28, 30, 33-35, 37, 40-47, 49, 51, 54-56, 58, 61-63

The Examiner has rejected claims 1-5, 7, 9, 12-14, 16, 19-26, 28, 30, 33-35, 37, 40-47, 49, 51, 54-56, 58, and 61-63 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent 6,553,178-B2 to Abecassis in view of U.S. Patent 6,510,209 to Cannon, U.S. Patent 6,141,058 to Lagoni, and U.S. Patent 5,729,280 to Inoue and the

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MSN Web Messenger Reference (hereinafter "MSN"). Applicant respectfully traverses the rejection.

To establish prima facie obviousness of a claimed invention, all the claim limitations must be taught or suggested by the prior art, and there must be motivation to combine the cited references in a manner to obviate the claimed invention.

Applicant respectfully submits that the Examiner has failed to establish a prima facie case of obviousness of the claimed invention because Abecassis, Cannon, Lagoni, Inoue and MSN, alone or in combination, fail to teach or suggest all of the limitations recited in independent claims 1, 22 and 43, and thus fail to teach or suggest Applicant's invention as a whole.

Specifically, Abecassis, Cannon, Lagoni, Inoue and MSN, alone or in combination, fail to teach or suggest at least "pausing the outputting of the video program immediately upon detecting the occurrence of the incoming request for communications and determining that an originator of the incoming request for communications comprises any of the at least one predetermined originators" and "the request comprises an e-mail, wherein the e-mail are detected via an e-mail communications software" as recited in claim 1, and as substantially similarly recited in claims 22 and 43.

Abecassis fails to teach or suggest pausing the outputting of the video program immediately upon detecting the occurrence of the incoming request for communications and determining that an originator of the incoming request for communications comprises any of the at least one predetermined originators. Abecassis specifically teaches that the video program is paused if the viewer accepts the call. (See Abecassis, col. 52, ll. 18-20, emphasis added.) If the viewer does not accept the call the video transmission is not paused. (See *Id.* at ll. 27-33, emphasis added.) In contrast, the Applicant's present invention claims only one of the multiple embodiments of the disclosed in the Applicant's specification. Specifically, the embodiment claimed is the embodiment where the video program is immediately paused upon detecting the occurrence of an incoming request for communications. No action is required by the user to pause the video program.

Notably, the Applicant's invention teaches a second embodiment which is similar to Abecassis in that "a triggering event", such as answering the call, must be detected

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before pausing. (See Applicant's specification, p. 77, ll. 3-21.) However, the embodiment presently claimed, reciting "pausing the outputting of the video program immediately upon detecting the occurrence of an incoming request for communications," is not so broad as to encompass Abecassis' teaching of requiring the call to be answered before pausing the video program.

Moreover, Abecassis does not teach or suggest any request comprising an e-mail, where the e-mail is detected via an e-mail communications software.

Cannon, Lagoni, Inoue and MSN fail to bridge the substantial gap between Abecassis and Applicant's invention. Cannon discloses a telephone enabling remote programming of a video recording device. Cannon discloses that a VCR or videodisk player can be paused upon receipt of an incoming phone call. Cannon does not teach or suggest pausing the outputting of the video program immediately upon detecting the occurrence of the incoming request for communications and determining that an originator of the incoming request for communications comprises any of the at least one predetermined originators or any request comprising an e-mail, wherein the e-mail is detected via an e-mail communications software.

Lagoni discloses a television receiver includes a telephone network interface circuitry which allows the receiver to receive and process Caller-ID signals for display during ringing period of the telephone set. Lagoni does not teach or suggest pausing the outputting of the video program immediately upon detecting the occurrence of the incoming request for communications and determining that an originator of the incoming request for communications comprises any of the at least one predetermined originators or any request comprising an e-mail, wherein the e-mail is detected via an e-mail communications software.

Inoue discloses a near video-on-demand signal receiver having a pause function in the display of the video program by temporarily storing a segment of the video program equal to the length of the transmission interval and obtaining the remainder of the program at a later time from the same of another channel. Specifically, Inoue discloses that a user enters a pause command into the user interface (i.e., col. 7, ll. 64-65). Inoue does not teach or suggest pausing the outputting of the video program immediately upon detecting the occurrence of the incoming request for communications and determining that an originator of the incoming request for communications

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comprises any of the at least one predetermined originators or any request comprising an e-mail, wherein the e-mail is detected via an e-mail communications software.

The Office Action states Abecassis, Cannon, Lagoni and Inoue fail to teach or suggest detecting an incoming email message. Applicant agrees. MSN fails to bridge the substantial gap left by Abecassis, Cannon, Lagoni and Inoue because MSN only discloses an instant messaging service that automatically notifies you when you receive a new message in your hotmail e-mail account. MSN is silent on how its notification can pause videos. Specifically, MSN does not teach or suggest the incoming request as claimed. In addition, MSN only teaches the use of instant messages and not e-mails. Thus, MSN does not teach or suggest any request comprising an e-mail, wherein the e-mail is detected via an e-mail communications software as claims.

Furthermore, MSN fails to teach or to suggest pausing the outputting of the video program immediately upon detecting the occurrence of the incoming request for communications and determining that an originator of the incoming request for communications comprises any of the at least one predetermined originators. As a result, none of the cited references teach or suggest "pausing the outputting of the video program immediately upon detecting the occurrence of the incoming request for communications and determining that an originator of the incoming request for communications comprises any of the at least one predetermined originators" or "the request comprises an e-mail, wherein the e-mail is detected via an e-mail communications software". Therefore Abecassis, Cannon, Lagoni, Inoue and MSN, alone or in any combination, fail to disclose or suggest Applicant's invention as a whole.

Claims 2-5, 7, 9, 12-14, 16, 19-21, 23-26, 28, 30, 33-35, 37, 40-42, 44-47, 49, 51, 54-56, 58, and 61-63 depend directly or indirectly from independent claims 1, 22 and 43. Therefore, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner's rejection be withdrawn.

35 U.S.C. §103 Rejection of Claims 10-11, 31, 32, 52 and 53

The Examiner has rejected claims 10-11, 31, 32, 52 and 53 as being unpatentable over Abecassis in view of Cannon, Lagoni, Inoue and MSN in further view

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of U.S. Patent 6,349,410 to Lortz (hereinafter "Lortz"). Applicant respectfully traverses the rejection.

Claims 10-11, 31, 32, 52 and 53 depend directly or indirectly from independent claims 1, 22 and 43. Moreover, for at least the reasons discussed above, Abecassis, Cannon, Lagoni, Inoue and MSN fail to teach or suggest Applicant's invention as recited in claims 1, 22 and 43. Accordingly, any attempted combination of Abecassis, Cannon, Lagoni and Inoue with any other additional references, in a rejection against the dependent claims, would still result in a gap in regards to the rejection against the independent claims. As such, Applicant submits that dependent claims 10-11, 31, 32, 52 and 53 are not obvious and are patentable under 35 U.S.C. §103. Therefore, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner's rejection be withdrawn.

35 U.S.C. §103 Rejection of Claims 15, 36 and 57

The Examiner has rejected claims 15, 36 and 57 as being unpatentable over Abecassis in view of Cannon, Lagoni, Inoue and MSN in further view of U.S. Patent 6,543,053 to Li (hereinafter "Li"). Applicant respectfully traverses the rejection.

Claims 15, 36 and 57 depend directly or indirectly from independent claims 1, 22 and 43. Moreover, for at least the reasons discussed above, Abecassis, Cannon, Lagoni, Inoue and MSN fail to teach or suggest Applicant's invention as recited in claims 1, 22 and 43. Accordingly, any attempted combination of Abecassis, Cannon, Lagoni and Inoue with any other additional references, in a rejection against the dependent claims, would still result in a gap in regards to the rejection against the independent claims. As such, Applicant submits that dependent claims 15, 36 and 57 are not obvious and are patentable under 35 U.S.C. §103. Therefore, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner's rejection be withdrawn.

35 U.S.C. §103 Rejection of Claims 17, 38 and 59

The Examiner has rejected claims 17, 38 and 59 as being unpatentable over Abecassis in view of Cannon, Lagoni, Inoue and MSN in further view of U.S. Patent 6,052,508 to Mincy (hereinafter "Mincy"). Applicant respectfully traverses the rejection.

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Claims 17, 38 and 59 depend directly or indirectly from independent claims 1, 22 and 43. Moreover, for at least the reasons discussed above, Abecassis, Cannon, Lagoni, Inoue and MSN fail to teach or suggest Applicant's invention as recited in claims 1, 22 and 43. Accordingly, any attempted combination of Abecassis, Cannon, Lagoni and Inoue with any other additional references, in a rejection against the dependent claims, would still result in a gap in regards to the rejection against the independent claims. As such, Applicant submits that dependent claims 17, 38 and 59 are not obvious and are patentable under 35 U.S.C. §103. Therefore, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner's rejection be withdrawn.

35 U.S.C. §103 Rejection of Claims 18, 39 and 60

The Examiner has rejected claims 18, 39 and 60 as being unpatentable over Abecassis in view of Cannon, Lagoni, Inoue and MSN in further view of the ReplayTV manual (hereinafter "ReplayTV"). Applicant respectfully traverses the rejection.

Claims 18, 39 and 60 depend directly or indirectly from independent claims 1, 22 and 43. Moreover, for at least the reasons discussed above, Abecassis, Cannon, Lagoni, Inoue and MSN fail to teach or suggest Applicant's invention as recited in claims 1, 22 and 43. Accordingly, any attempted combination of Abecassis, Cannon, Lagoni, Inoue and MSN with any other additional references, in a rejection against the dependent claims, would still result in a gap in regards to the rejection against the independent claims. As such, Applicant submits that dependent claims 18, 39 and 60 are not obvious and are patentable under 35 U.S.C. §103. Therefore, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner's rejection be withdrawn.

CONCLUSION

Thus, Applicant submits that none of the claims presently in the application are obvious under the provisions of 35 U.S.C. §103. Accordingly, both reconsideration of this application and its swift passage to issue are earnestly solicited.

If, however, the Examiner believes that there are any unresolved issues requiring adverse final action in any of the claims now pending in the application, it is requested that the Examiner telephone Eamon J. Wall or Jimmy Kim, at (732) 530-9404, so that

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appropriate arrangements can be made for resolving such issues as expeditiously as possible.

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